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Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office action of July 13, 2004, please amend this application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 5 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Drawings** begin on page 15 of this paper and include both an attached replacement sheet and an annotated sheet showing changes.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 16 of this paper.

**An Appendix** including amended drawing figures is attached following page 28 of this paper.